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1. WE SHARE USDEL'S CONCERN ABOUT CONTEMPLETED AMENDMENT TO REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES WHICH WOULD CAUSE UN TO DEFRAY OUT OF ITS REGULAR BUDGET COSTS OF HOLDING UN MEETINGS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. IF THIS PROPOSAL WERE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ADOPTED, UN MEETINGS AWAY FROM CUSTOMARY HEADQUARTERS SITES

WOULD BE LIKELY TO PROLIFERATE AT THE COST OF WASTEFUL AND UNPRODUCTIVE USE OF UN RESOURCES AND A LOSS OF EFFICIENCY. ULTIMATELY, WE FEAR THAT DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WOULD ATTEMPT TO ADD COSTS OF CONSTRUCTING CONFERENCE CENTERS, HOTELS TO ACCOMMODATE DELEGATES AND SIMILAR SELF-SERVING CHARGES ON UN BUDGET. ACCORDINGLY, WE AGREE THAT MAJOR EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO PREVENT TABLING OR ADOPTION OF THIS AMENDMENT.

2. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE UNDERSTAND THAT MISSION IS ALREADY MAKING EFFORT AT HIGHEST LEVEL TO DISCOURAGE INTRO-DUCTION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT. ADDITIONALLY, MISSION IS ATTEMPTING TO ENGAGE UN SECRETARIAT IN OPPOSITION TO THIS MOVE. WE PLAN TO BRING UP MATTER WITH NEW INDIAN AMBASSADOR

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3. IF AMENDMENT IS NEVERTHELESS PUT FORWARD, THERE WOULD SEEM TO BE INSUFFICIENT TIME BETWEEN ITS BEING TABLED AND FIFTH COMMITTEE VOTE TO PERMIT PRODUCTIVE APPROACHES IN CAPITALS. IF THIS ASSUMPTION IS INCORRECT, PLEASE ADVISE. MEANWHILE, HOWEVER, WE ARE CONSIDERING FEASIBILITY OF ATTEMPTING HAVE ISSUE DECLARED A BUDGETARY AND THEREFORE AN IMPORTANT QUESTION WITH A VIEW TO MUSTERING A BLOCKING THIRD IN GA PLENARY BASED UPON WEO AND SOVIET BLOC VOTES.

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